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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2010.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 19-35 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19-27, 29-31, 34 and 35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 28, 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 September 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/25/06; 6/29/07; 6/12/09</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 28 and 32-33 in the reply filed on April 21, 2010 is acknowledged. Claims 19-27, 29-31, 34 and 35 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 28 and 32-33 have been examined on the merits.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed September 25, 2006 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because several foreign documents are not printed in English and Applicants have not provided a concise explanation as to their relevance. These documents have been crossed-out on the IDS. The IDS has been placed in the application file, but the documents crossed-out have not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

The information disclosure statement filed June 29, 2007 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because reference 1 does not have a

publication date and it is unclear from the document what the publication date is. This document has been crossed-out on the IDS. The IDS has been placed in the application file, but reference 1 has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

Oath/Declaration

The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because the executions on the oath are not dated.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: S₂ (Figures 1 and 2) and L_c (Figure 8). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are

required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;
- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not appear to be completely narrative in form. It refers to several figures, which cannot be displayed. The abstract appears to be more than a single paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 28 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite a number of elements: organic compound, probe substance, biological substance, peptide and antibody. However, it is unclear how these elements are related to each other. For example, the

preamble of each claim suggests that the biological substance is distinct from the labeling substance and the probe substance by reciting that the biological substance is captured "using" a labeling substance. However, procedure (A) suggests otherwise, by stating that the biological substance "compris[es]" the probe substance and the labeling substance. It is therefore unclear whether the biological substance is an entity distinct from the labeling substance and probe substance. Moreover, it is unclear whether the probe substance, antibody and peptide are part of the same entity or distinct embodiments.

Procedure (A) further recites "the biological substance interacting with the probe substance." This phrase is located immediately after a description of the same elements as being part of a complex in the same manner. It is therefore unclear whether the phrase is superfluous language or limits the biological substance and probe substance in a manner distinct from the preceding description.

For prior art purposes, the instant claims are interpreted as claiming each element listed above as a distinct embodiment.

Claim 28 recites the limitations "the biological substance," "the organic compound," "the probe substance" "the antibody" and "the solid surface" in lines 1-4 and 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Indeed, the limitations are presented for the first time in lines 1-4 and 8.

Claims 32 and 33 recite the limitations "the intracellular biological substance," "the organic compound," "the probe substance," "the antibody" and "the solid surface" in lines 1-5 and 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Indeed, the limitations are presented for the first time in lines 1-5 and 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 28 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2006/0234229 to Van Beuningen *et al.* ("Van Beuningen").

Van Beuningen describes a method of performing an immunoassay, in which antibodies are immobilized on a solid substrate. See paragraph 0043. The antibodies bind to analytes, which can be peptides (i.e., probe substance). See paragraph 0029. The analytes can be biotinylated (i.e., labeling substance) and detected through an avidin-label conjugate (i.e., biological substance). See paragraph 0071. The biotin can further be attached to the analyte through a linker. *Id.* The linker can be 1-amino-hexanoic acid (i.e., organic compound). See paragraph 0085. With the foregoing description in mind, Van Beuningen teaches each and every step of the instant claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leon Y. Lum whose telephone number is (571) 272-2872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (8:30 am to 5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Shibuya can be reached on (571) 272-0806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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